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phosphate (ACP) in metastable solution, preventing their growth to the critical size required for nucleation and precipitation. The proposed mechanism of anticariogenicity for the CPP-ACP is that they localize ACP in dental plaque, which buffers the free calcium and phosphate ion activities, thereby helping to maintain a state of supersaturation with respect to tooth enamel depressing demineralization and enhancing remineralization. The CPP-ACP, unlike ***fluoride***, can be added to sugar-containing foods and therefore have commercial potential as an additive to foods as well as to toothpastes and mouthwashes for the control of dental caries.

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